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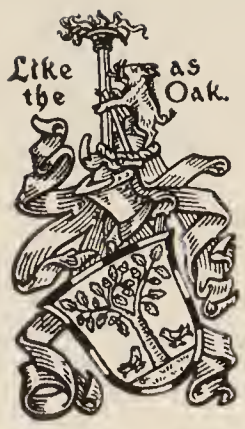

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1953. The report is prepared on the lines indicated in Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/54, dated 12th January, 1954.

The Crude Birth Rate is 12.05 per thousand of the population and corrected for comparability in age and sex distribution with the country as a whole, this becomes 13.5. The Birth Rate for England and Wales is 15.5.

The Crude Death Rate is 11.51 per thousand of the population and corrected for comparability in age and sex distribution with the country as a whole, this becomes 8.86. The Death Rate for England and Wales is 11.4

The Tuberculosis death rate is 0.09 compared with 0.20 for England and Wales.

Infectious Disease.

One thousand, five hundred and ninety-five cases of infectious disease were notified during the year — one thousand one hundred and thirty-one more than in 1952. Of this total, one thousand two hundred and ninety-five were cases of Measles.

Enteric Group.

One case of paratyphoid fever was notified during the year.

Food Poisoning.

Two cases of food poisoning were reported during the year.

Dysentery.

Three cases of dysentery were notified. All three cases were due to B. Sonnei.

Vaccination.

During the year ended 31st December, 1953, the numbers of vaccinations carried out at Clinics or reported by general medical practitioners in age groups were :— 0-1 yr. 341 ; 1-4 yrs. 29 ; 5-14 yrs. 15 ; 15 yrs. and over 16 ; making a total of 401. The number of re-vaccinations were :— 0-1 yr. 1 ; 1-4 yrs. 7 ; 5-14 yrs. 38 ; 15 yrs. and over 116 ; making a total of 162.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The percentage of immunised children in the 5-14 age group is 99.4 for the year under review, as compared with 99.2 in 1952. In the 1-5 age group there has been a slight decrease in the percentage, 93.37 as compared with 94.9 in 1952.

One hundred and eighty-six children in the 1-5 age group and thirty-eight in the 5-14 age group were immunised during the year.

Four hundred children were given " boosting " doses on entering school or on reaching ten years of age.

Two hundred and ninety-one children under one year of age were immunised, a decrease of thirty-four on the previous year.

The percentage of immunised children in the district. from 0-14 years of age is 93 as compared with 92.6 in 1952.

For the seventh year in succession no case of diphtheria was notified in the district.

Tuberculosis.

The table on page shows the incidence of tuberculosis. The preponderance of cases is of the respiratory type.

Housing Act, 1949 — Improvement Grants.

The Housing Act, 1949, enables local authorities to make " Improvement Grants " for the purpose of converting buildings into dwelling-houses or improving existing properties.

A dwelling, when improved with assistance under the Act, must be in a good state of repair and among other things have a wholesome supply of water laid on inside the dwelling, be provided with adequate means of supplying hot water for domestic purposes, have a fixed bath and readily accessible W.C., together with satisfactory facilities for preparing, storing and cooking food.

Although the conditions attached to the payment of a grant are not unduly onerous, only two applications for assistance were received and approved during the year.

A considerable number of houses in the district lack the amenities required by modern standards, and there is ample scope for improvement.

It is hoped that the wide publicity now being given to the subject will result in an increasing number of house-owners taking advantage of the facilities offered by the Council.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PETRIE,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT, 1953.

Area	112,099 acres
Population (Registrar-General's estimate)	43,600
Density of Population per acre	.39
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	13,227
Rateable Value	£355,387
Sum represented by one penny rate	£1,395
Birth rate per 1,000 population	12.05
Death rate per 1,000 population	11.51
Infantile Mortality rate	22.86

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births.	*Males.*	*Females.*	*Total.*
Legitimate	241	260	501
Illegitimate	12	12	24
			525

Deaths.	*Males.*	*Females.*	*Total.*
	245	257	502

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT.

Cause of Death.	*Males.*	*Females.*	*Total.*
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1	3
Tuberculosis, other	—	1	1
Syphilitic disease	1	—	1
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	7	5	12
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	10	10
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	4	4
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	30	27	57
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	—
Diabetes	1	1	2

Causes of Death in the Uckfield Rural District.—*continued.*

Cause of Death.	*Males.*	*Females.*	*Total.*
Vascular lesions of nervous system	31	36	67
Coronary disease, angina	43	40	83
Hypertension with heart disease	6	7	13
Other heart disease	32	42	74
Other circulatory disease	18	20	38
Influenza	2	6	8
Pneumonia	10	7	17
Bronchitis	10	12	22
Other diseases of respiratory system	4	—	4
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	5	—	5
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	3	4
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	—	3
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	3	3
Congenital malformations	1	4	5
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	20	21	41
Motor vehicle accidents	4	1	5
All other accidents	3	2	5
Suicide	2	1	3
Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—
All causes	245	257	502

BIRTH RATE, CIVILIAN DEATH RATE AND ANNUAL ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR, 1953.

	Rate per 1,000 Civilian Population.		Annual Death Rate per 1,000 Civilian Population.									Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	
	Live Births.	Still Births.	All Causes.	Paratyphoid and Typhoid.	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria.	Tuberculosis.	Influenza.	Smallpox	Acute Poliomyelitis & Polioencephalitis.	Pneumonia.	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years).	Total Deaths under 1 year.
England and Wales ...	15.5	0.35 22.4(a)	11.4	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.20	0.16	0.00	0.01	0.55	1.1	26.8(b)
160 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London	17.0	0.43 24.8(a)	12.2	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.24	0.15	0.00	0.01	0.59	1.3	30.8
160 Smaller Towns (Resident Population 25,000 -50,000 at 1951 Census)	15.7	0.34 21.4(a)	11.3	—	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.17	0.00	0.01	0.52	0.9	24.3
London	17.5	0.38 21.0(a)	12.5	—	0.00	—	0.24	0.15	—	0.01	0.64	1.1	24.8
Uckfield Rural District	12.05	0.21 16.85(a)	11.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.00	22.86 (b)

	Puerperal Sepsis	Other Maternal Causes
Maternal Mortality Rates for England and Wales per 1,000 total births	0.10	0.66
Maternal Mortality Rates for Uckfield Rural District	—	5.62(a)

(a) Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births. (b) Per 1,000 related live births.

TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1938-1953.

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births.						Crude Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Crude Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate												
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
1938	38,500	224	230	454	8	10	18	12.25	218	219	437	11.35	11	6	17	36.01	35
1939	38,780 (*a*) 41,010 (*b*)	232	208	440	13	10	23	11.94	247	233	480	11.70	6	2	8	17.28	17
1940	44,350	233	220	453	18	8	26	10.80	255	300	555	12.51	8	9	17	35.49	76
1941	43,760	241	242	483	35	32	67	12.57	273	317	590	13.48	13	8	21	38.18	40
1942	40,750	301	274	575	36	33	69	15.80	244	294	538	13.20	17	12	29	45.03	106
1943	39,360	296	263	559	47	53	100	16.74	255	319	574	14.58	14	8	22	33.38	85
1944	37,200	309	269	578	74	62	136	19.19	247	278	525	14.11	13	8	21	29.41	189
1945	36,830	230	216	446	67	59	126	15.53	255	277	532	14.44	12	7	19	33.21	40
1946	39,270	345	314	659	33	35	68	18.51	245	264	509	12.96	13	6	19	26.13	218
1947	40,190	327	318	645	28	21	49	17.27	263	282	545	13.56	19	9	28	40.35	149
1948	40,900	325	286	611	14	15	29	15.65	247	255	502	12.27	7	3	10	15.63	138
1949	41,370	281	264	545	14	14	28	13.85	252	273	525	12.69	8	8	16	27.92	48
1950	42,230	271	274	545	17	13	30	13.61	260	279	539	12.76	5	8	13	22.60	36
1951	43,750	282	272	554	13	9	22	13.16	264	306	570	13.02	5	11	16	27.60	6
1952	43,260	274	245	519	16	10	26	12.59	296	306	602	13.91	9	8	17	31.19	—
1953	43,600	241	260	501	12	12	24	12.05	245	257	502	11.51	7	5	12	22.86	23

(*a*) Population for calculation of Birth Rate.

(*b*) Population for calculation of Death Rate.

One the opposite page estimates are given of the population of each parish, based on the number of occupied dwellings as shown in the rate book. The average number of persons for occupied dwellings in the Rural District as a whole was obtained accurately from the 1951 Census population figures, and it has been assumed that this average applies in each parish.

The County Report of the Registrar-General has recently been published, giving the population by parishes as shown in the Census returns.

The following table shows for comparison the actual census parish population ; and the estimated population given in my report for 1951. In most cases there is no serious discrepancy and the method will be continued in future reports.

Parish	*Population* County Report of Registrar-General	*Annual Report* Estimate 1951
Buxted	2,956	2,379
Crowborough	7,126	7,375
Danehill	1,271	1,290
Fletching	1,008	1,062
Forest Row	3,258	3,356
Framfield	1,877	1,942
Frant	1,513	1,515
Hadlow Down	823	860
Hartfield	2,332	2,128
Isfield	499	556
Little Horsted	230	225
Maresfield	3,172	2,853
Mayfield	3,361	3,488
Rotherfield	2,795	2,992
Uckfield	3,823	3,862
Wadhurst	4,084	4,178
Withyham	3,041	3,071
Total District Population	43,169	43,132

The totals for District population are taken from the County Report and the Preliminary Report for 1951, both issued by the Registrar-General's Office.

POPULATION FIGURES, 1943-1953. Estimated

PARISH	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Buxted	1,964	1,857	1,837	1,951	2,008	2,041	2,064	2,066	2,379	2,435	2,435
Crowborough	6,255	5,915	5,856	6,244	6,389	6,502	6,577	6,585	7,375	7,423	7,588
Danehill	1,187	1,120	1,108	1,183	1,208	1,230	1,244	1,245	1,290	1,282	1,282
Fletching	1,041	985	974	1,039	1,062	1,082	1,094	1,095	1,062	1,051	1,004
Forest Row	3,069	2,893	2,871	3,060	3,133	3,188	3,225	3,231	3,356	3,340	3,267
Framfield	1,710	1,618	1,602	1,709	1,748	1,778	1,799	1,801	1,942	1,946	1,934
Frant	1,648	1,557	1,541	1,644	1,682	1,711	1,731	1,733	1,515	1,520	1,536
Hadlow Down	937	886	876	934	956	973	984	985	860	829	811
Hartfield	2,079	1,966	1,947	2,076	2,124	2,161	2,186	2,188	2,128	2,131	2,077
Isfield	488	460	455	485	497	505	511	512	556	545	554
Little Horsted	240	228	224	239	246	250	253	254	225	218	214
Maresfield	2,370	2,240	2,216	2,366	2,419	2,463	2,491	2,495	2,853	2,890	2,920
Mayfield	3,161	2,988	2,958	3,155	3,227	3,285	3,323	3,327	3,488	3,495	3,544
Rotherfield	2,895	2,737	2,710	2,889	2,957	3,010	3,044	3,047	2,992	2,990	2,930
Uckfield	3,649	3,449	3,415	3,642	3,726	3,793	3,836	3,840	3,862	3,918	4,302
Wadhurst	3,870	3,658	3,623	3,863	3,953	4,022	4,069	4,074	4,178	4,165	4,143
Withyham	2,797	2,643	2,617	2,791	2,855	2,906	2,939	2,942	3,071	3,082	3,059
	39,360	37,200	36,830	39,270	40,190	40,900	41,370	42,230	*43,132	43,260	43,600

* Census 1951.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year :—

Disease.	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Dysentery	3	—	—
Encephalitis ...	2	2	—
Erysipelas	2	1	—
Food Poisoning ...	2	—	—
Measles	1,295	6	—
Para-Typhoid ...	1	1	—
Pneumonia ...	25	6	—
Poliomyelitis ...	4	3	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	3	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	50	18	—
Whooping Cough ...	208	—	—
TOTALS ...	1,595	37	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR, 1953.

	England and Wales.	160 C.B's and great towns including London.	160 Smaller towns Resident Population 25,000—50,000 at 1931 Census.	London Adm. County.	Uckfield Rural District.
NOTIFICATIONS :—	Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population :—				
Typhoid Fever ...	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever ...	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
Meningococcal Infection	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.00
Scarlet Fever ...	1.39	1.50	1.44	1.02	1.15
Whooping Cough ...	3.58	3.72	3.38	3.30	4.77
Diphtheria	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Erysipelas	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.05
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	—	0.00
Measles	12.36	11.27	12.32	8.09	29.70
Pneumonia	0.84	0.92	0.76	0.73	0.57
Acute Poliomyelitis					
Acute Polio-encephalitis (paralytic)	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07
Non-paralytic	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02
Food Poisoning ...	0.24	0.25	0.24	0.38	0.05
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	18.23(a)	24.33 (a)	12.46 (a)	28.61 (a)	5.62 (a)

(a) Per 1,000 total (Live and Still) Births.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

DISEASE	Under 1 year.	1 year.	2 years.	3 years.	4 years.	5—9 years.	10—14 years.	15—19 years.	20—34 years.	35—44 years.	45—64 years.	65 years & over.	Age unknown.	TOTALS.
Dysentery ...	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
Encephalitis ...	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2
Measles	27	62	99	104	128	682	119	25	18	12	9	—	10	1295
Para-Typhoid ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	3	10	8	1	25
Poliomyelitis ...	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Scarlet Fever ...	—	4	—	4	7	20	10	3	1	1	—	—	—	50
Whooping Cough	14	13	20	31	27	96	3	1	1	—	2	—	—	208
TOTALS ...	41	80	120	142	162	802	133	30	24	17	23	10	11	1595

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE VARIOUS PARISHES

PARISH	DISEASE												
	Dysentery.	Encephalitis.	Erysipelas.	Food Poisoning.	Malaria.	Para-Typhoid	Measles.	Pneumonia.	Poliomyelitis.	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Totals.
Buxted... ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	145	3	—	—	1	10	159
Crowborough	—	—	—	—	—	—	224	6	2	—	17	15	264
Danehill ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	61	1	—	—	2	8	74
Fletching ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	4	17
Forest Row ...	3	—	1	—	—	—	146	2	—	1	4	10	167
Framfield ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	89	1	1	—	—	6	97
Frant	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	2	—	—	—	7	26
Hadlow Down	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	4	9
Hartfield ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	—	—	—	6	12	50
Isfield ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	16	27
Little Horsted	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	4	7
Maresfield ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	89	1	—	—	—	15	105
Mayfield ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	177	5	1	—	4	29	216
Rotherfield ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	1	—	1	—	10	48
Uckfield ...	—	—	1	2	—	—	170	1	—	1	2	33	210
Wadhurst ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	46	—	—	—	13	24	84
Withyham ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	1	—	—	—	1	35
TOTALS ...	3	2	2	2	—	1	1295	25	4	3	50	208	1595

TABLE SHOWING TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1936-1953.

Year.	New Cases					Deaths				
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total
	M	*F*	*M*	*F*	*M* and *F*	*M*	*F*	*M*	*F*	*M* & *F*
1936	16	14	3	1	34	9	5	3	—	17
1937	12	24	6	7	49	10	6	1	4	21
1938	8	10	8	7	33	4	6	2	1	13
1939	11	7	3	5	26	10	7	1	1	19
1940	13	15	9	2	39	4	1	4	4	13
1941	24	16	5	7	52	11	8	1	1	21
1942	12	16	10	3	41	3	5	6	—	14
1943	20	12	8	6	46	4	4	—	2	10
1944	10	16	2	5	33	8	4	2	—	14
1945	14	20	1	4	39	12	9	—	1	22
1946	14	11	15	4	44	3	4	1	—	8
1947	10	10	5	5	30	7	7	3	1	18
1948	19	8	2	5	34	9	5	—	—	14
1949	21	15	4	6	46	3	4	—	—	7
1950	20	19	6	9	54	2	—	1	—	3
1951	22	19	3	6	50	4	4	1	—	9
1952	25	21	5	4	55	5	3	2	—	10
1953	27	17	—	2	46	2	1	—	1	4

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1953.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	*F.*	*M.*	*F.*	*M.*	*F.*	*M.*	*F.*
0 —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 —	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 —	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 —	2	3	—	2	—	—	—	1
25 —	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 —	3	4	—	—	1	1	—	—
45 —	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 —	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 years and over ...	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Age unknown	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	27	17	—	2	2	1	—	1

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The following tables show the position with regard to Diphtheria Immunisation at 31st December, 1953 :—

District	*No. of Children*		*Immunised*					*Per Centages*	
	yrs. 0-1	*yrs.* 1-5	*yrs.* 1-2	*yrs.* 2-3	*yrs.* 3-4	*yrs.* 4-5	*yrs.* 1-5	*Dec.* 53	*Dec.* 52
High Hurstwood	5	16	3	5	4	4	16	100	88.2
Little Horsted ...	9	13	1	4	3	5	13	100	83.3
Mark Cross ...	4	25	2	2	10	12	26	100	100
Piltdown ...	1	16	5	2	5	4	16	100 ...	100
Danehill ...	16	66	14	14	19	18	65	98.4	95.7
Blackboys ...	8	36	11	7	7	10	35	97.2	92.1
Nutley	18	68	11	16	22	17	66	97.0	98.6
Hartfield ...	30	95	19	22	23	28	92	96.8	97.7
Isfield	13	31	8	6	6	9	29	96.7	91.8
Five Ashes ...	4	26	10	6	5	4	25	96.1	100
Uckfield ...	77	231	47	55	62	58	222	96.1	96.4
Framfield ...	15	49	16	10	16	5	47	95.9	81.2
Forest Row ...	52	133	29	36	31	31	127	95.4	96.9
Wadhurst ...	47	176	37	45	49	37	168	95.4	98.9
Fletching ...	10	43	9	14	8	10	41	95.3	90.0
Blackham ...	5	20	4	4	8	3	19	95.0	94.7
Eridge	7	19	1	6	7	4	18	94.7	100
Withyham ...	16	57	9	16	13	16	54	94.7	98.1
Mayfield ...	33	129	28	31	33	30	122	94.5	96.6
Frant	12	59	15	12	16	12	55	93.2	100
Fairwarp ...	7	43	11	9	10	10	40	93.0	85.3
Groombridge ...	8	50	12	14	8	11	45	90.0	95.5
Maresfield ...	19	37	10	8	6	9	33	89.1	93.1
Crowborough ...	95	383	71	102	85	80	338	88.2	93.9
Buxted	17	73	14	11	16	22	63	86.3	86.8
Rotherfield ...	17	68	12	15	18	15	60	88.2	89.3
Hadlow Down ...	6	28	5	4	7	8	24	85.7	100
	551	1,991	414	476	497	472	1,859	93.37	94.9

Five to Fourteen years of age — Attending elementary schools :—

School	*No. of Children on Roll*	*Number Immunised*	*Percentage Immunised* Dec. 53	Dec. 52
Blackham	28	28	100	100
Buxted	133	133	100	100
Danehill	137	137	100	100
Eridge	68	68	100	100
Fairwarp	22	22	100	100
Five Ashes	65	65	100	100
Fletching	87	87	100	100
Forest Row	254	254	100	99.6
Frant	68	68	100	100
Hadlow Down	51	51	100	100
Hammerwood	30	30	100	100
Hartfield	117	117	100	100
Herons Ghyll R.C.	42	42	100	100
High Hurstwood	35	35	100	100
Isfield	40	40	100	100
Jarvis Brook	67	67	100	96.8
Little Horsted	40	40	100	100
Mark Cross	53	53	100	98.0
Nutley	164	164	100	100
Uckfield Parochial	409	409	100	99.7
Uckfield R.C.	153	153	100	100
Wadhurst R.C.	26	26	100	100
Withyham	30	30	100	100
Whitehill C.P.	436	434	99.5	99.2
St. John's	119	118	99.1	99.1
Framfield	117	116	99.1	99.0
Wadhurst V.P.	347	344	99.1	97.9
Rotherfield C.P.	218	216	99.0	100
Groombridge	168	166	99.8	99.0
Maresfield	73	72	98.6	98.5
Sir Henry Fermor	298	293	98.3	98.3
Mayfield	222	214	96.3	94.7
Blackboys	60	57	94.9	93.3
	4,177	4,149	99.3	99.0
Attending County Schools ...	592	588	99.3	99.7
Attending Private and Residential Schools	1,071	1,071	100	99.8
Attending Schools outside the District	212	210	99.5	98.9
Over 5 years, Schools unknown	172	172	100	100
	6,224	6,190	99.4	99.2

INFANT WELFARE CENTRES, WEIGHING CENTRES AND ANTE-NATAL CLINICS IN THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT

Name of Centre.	*When held.*
BUXTED.	
Reading Room, Buxted (Weighing Centre only) ...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
CHELWOOD GATE.	
Chelworth, Chelwood Gate ...	4th Thursday in each month.
CROWBOROUGH.	
Drill Hall	1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month.
Wesleyan Hall	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
CROWBOROUGH, ST. JOHN'S.	
Women's Institute Hall (Weighing Centre only) ...	3rd Wednesday in each month.
DANEHILL.	
Scouts' Hall, Danehill	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
FAIRWARP AND MARESFIELD.	
Village Hall, Fairwarp ...	1st Wednesday in each month.
FOREST ROW.	
Village Hall	1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month.
(Ante Natal)	3rd Thursday in each month.
FRAMFIELD.	
Church Hall	2nd Thursday in each month.
FRANT.	
Village Hall	2nd and 4th Fridays in each month.
(Ante Natal)	4th Friday in each month.
GROOMBRIDGE.	
The Hut	4th Monday in each month.
HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM.	
King's Hall, Withyham ...	1st Friday in each month.
MAYFIELD.	
Congregational Church Hall ...	1st and 3rd Fridays in each month.
NUTLEY.	
Mission Hall.	4th Friday in each month.
ROTHERFIELD.	
British Legion Hut	3rd Friday in each month.
UCKFIELD.	
County Clinic	1st Tuesday in each month.
(Ante Natal)	3rd Tuesday in each month.
WADHURST.	
The Institute	1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday in each month.
(Ante Natal)	2nd Tuesday in each month.

Laboratory Facilities.

The arrangements which were made for the examination of specimens taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 23506), continued throughout the year and proved to be very satisfactory.

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the Laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a written copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the laboratory any time up to 6 o'clock from Mondays to Fridays and before 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out at other times by arrangement with the Director, Doctor Jameson (telephone number Brighton 56960).

Ambulance Services.

The County Council, under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has the duty to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

In East Sussex this is being done mainly by arrangement with the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, the British Red Cross Society, and other voluntary organisations.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted direct from members of the public.

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows :—

Parishes Served.	*Ambulance Station.*	*Telephone Number.*	*No. of Ambulances.*
Buxted (North Part) Crowborough Mayfield Rotherfield Withyham	Caffyns Garage, Beacon Road, Crowborough.	Crowborough 1234 Mon. to Fri. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. At all other times Crowborough 882 or 3344.	2
Forest Row Hartfield	Phillips Garage, East Grinstead.	East Grinstead 488	2
Frant Wadhurst	Monson Road, Tunbridge Wells.	Tunbridge Wells 2840	3
Buxted (South Part) Danehill. Fletching Framfield Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield Hadlow Down	Caffyns Garage, Uckfield.	Uckfield 282	1

SANITARY SUPERVISION

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts ...	1,844
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health Acts	428
Inspections made of dairies and milk shops	255
Visits to bakehouses	46
,, ,, factories (with power 96, without power 17)	113
,, ,, outworkers premises	2
,, ,, butchers' shops and slaughterhouses	394
,, ,, knackers' yards	1
,, ,, fish frying premises	14
,, ,, food premises	288
,, ,, ice cream premises	29
,, ,, shops (under Section 38, Shops Act, 1950)	31
,, ,, hop-picker's lodgings	20
,, ,, licensed premises	118
Visits in connection with tents, vans and sheds	54
,, ,, ,, ,, infectious diseases	96
,, ,, ,, ,, water supplies	189
,, ,, ,, ,, eradication of bed bugs, etc.	4
,, ,, ,, rats and mice destruction	2,656
,, ,, ,, ,, sanitary accommodation at schools ...	32
,, ,, ,, ,, civil defence	8
Miscellaneous visits	209
Interviews	99
No. of drain tests carried out	126
,, ,, water samples taken	83
,, ,, milk samples taken	150
,, ,, ice cream samples taken	18
,, ,, rooms disinfected and disinfested	65
,, ,, preliminary notices served	271
,, ,, ,, ,, complied with	197
,, ,, statutory notices served	22
,, ,, statutory notices complied with	15

Legal Action.

In one instance it was necessary to institute legal proceedings under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936, to obtain compliance with an Abatement Notice requiring the owner to carry out certain improvements to the drainage system of the dwelling house under her control.

The Court made a Nuisance Order requiring the owner, within a period of fourteen days, to comply with the requirements of the Abatement Notice, and awarded costs of £4 14s. 6d. to the District Council. The work was subsequently carried out in accordance with the Court Order.

BYE-LAWS RELATING TO HOP-PICKERS

Twenty visits were made to the five farms where imported hop-pickers were employed. A total of fifty-five lodgings were in use at these farms and the forty-one families in occupation comprised twenty males, fifty-four females and forty-two children.

Two preliminary notices were served during the hop-picking season relating to the unsatisfactory cooking facilities and sanitary arrangements at two of the farms.

The requirements of these notices were carried out without serious delay.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

One hundred and thirteen visits were made to factories during the year. Of these, ninety-six were to factories in which mechanical power was used.

Inspections for purposes of provision as to health.

Premises.	No. on Register.	Inspections.	Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(*i*) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	43	17	4	–
(*ii*) Factories not included in (*i*) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	142	96	14	–
Total	185	113	18	–

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of Cases in which Defects were Found.				Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred. To H.M. Inspector.	Referred. By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness ...	–	–	–	–	–
Overcrowding	–	–	–	–	–
Unreasonable temperature	–	–	–	–	–
Inadequate ventilation ...	–	–	–	–	–
Ineffective drainage of floors	–	–	–	–	–
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(*a*) insufficient	2	–	–	–	–
(*b*) unsuitable or defective	15	5	–	1	–
(*c*) not separate for sexes	–	–	–	–	–
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	1	1	–	–	–
Totals	18	*6	–	1	–

* Includes compliance with notices served prior to the 1st January, 1953.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supplies.

Milk and Daries Regulations, 1949.

No additions were made to the register of distributors during the year but two names were removed, and the total number of registered premises is now twenty-three.

Two hundred and fifty-five visits were made to dairy premises.

Raw milk sold within the district is tested regularly for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli and Brucella. Of the one hundred and thirty-seven samples taken during the year two were reported to be infected with Tuberculosis and six with Brucella Abortus.

In the cases of the samples positive to Tuberculosis the Veterinary Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries took the necessary action to locate and remove the infected animals from the herds concerned.

In the cases of the six samples found to be infected with Brucella Abortus the producers supplies were diverted to approved pasteurising establishments for heat treatment and alternative supplies were made available to the distributors until such time as the infected animals had been removed from the milking herds.

The regulations provide, subject to certain conditions, for the payment of compensation to a dairy farmer for any damage or loss sustained by reason of a notice served upon him in relation to milk infected with Brucella. Such compensation is paid by the local authority in whose district the registered premises are situate, 75 per cent. being payable by the Ministry of Health.

During the year claims for compensation, based on the cost of heat treatment and transport for the infective supplies to an approved pasteurising establishment, have been received from three of the six dairy farmers involved.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1949

The undermentioned classes of licences were issued during the year to milk dealers :—

To use the designation " Tuberculin Tested "	28
To use the designation "Accredited "	1
To use the designation " Pasteurised "	21

Number of food premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, Section 14 :—

Ice Cream premises	165
Manufacture of Sausages	35
No. of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949	23

No. of food premises in the Uckfield Rural District :—

Bakehouses	19
Cakes and Confectionery	31
Butchers' shops	41
Hotels and other licensed premises	97
Restaurants	52
Grocery and general provision shops	110
Fish frying premises	5
Wet fish shops	10
Cooked meat shops	1
Green grocers	15

ICE CREAM

Registration of Premises.

Total number of registered premises :—

For manufacture	Nil
For storage and sale	165

Samples.

Number of samples taken	18
Number of samples that passed the test	10
Number of samples that failed the test	8

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

During the year four hundred and forty-nine visits were made to food premises and shops in the district, including one hundred and eighteen visits to hotels, inns and other licensed premises.

The various classes of premises were generally found to be maintained in a satisfactory condition and the following improvements were carried out voluntarily by the occupiers or owners of the premises concerned :—

Summary of Improvements.

No. of premises provided with a constant supply of hot water ...	8
No. of kitchens, preparing rooms and food stores cleansed, re-decorated or improved	19
No. of premises with improved sanitary accommodation	10
No. of premises with increased sanitary accommodation	2
Washing facilities provided	3
Drainage systems repaired or improved	5
Sinks provided or renewed	5
Main water provided	1

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

During the year three hundred and ninety-four visits were made to slaughterhouses and butchers' shops.

The inspection of meat at the Ministry of Food's centralised slaughter-house, situated at Uckfield, was carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors.

The total weight of foodstuffs surrendered was 7 tons, 3 cwts., 2 qrs., 23 lbs.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number slaughtered	866	137	933	2,174	667
Number inspected	866	137	933	2,174	667
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned ...	3	2	1	5	10
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	295	64	68	246	105
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	34.41	48.17	7.39	11.54	17.24
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned ...	4	1	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	49	25	—	—	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	6.12	18.98	—	—	0.75

Of the nine hundred and thirty-three calves killed, one hundred and forty were heifer calves.

The following tables show that five carcases and one hundred and thirty parts or organs were found to be affected with Tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis.	*Cattle excluding Cows*	*Cows*	*Calves*	*Sheep*	*Pigs*
Whole carcases and organs ...	4	1	—	—	—
Forequarters	4	6	—	—	—
Heads and tongues	21	7	—	—	—
Lungs	38	21	—	—	—
Heads	—	—	—	—	3
Livers	7	4	—	—	—
Mesenteries	—	3	—	—	2
Intestines	—	3	—	—	—
Hearts	1	—	—	—	—
Spleens	1	1	—	—	—
Skirts	5	—	—	—	—
Udders	—	2	—	—	—
Diaphragm	—	1	—	—	—

Other Diseased Conditions.

CATTLE.

2	Carcases and offals	Jaundice
1	Carcase and offal	Malignant Oedema following parturition
12	Heads and tongues	Actinomycosis
2	Heads and tongues	Abcesses
6	Pairs of lungs	Abcesses
2	Diaphragms	Abcesses
1	Spleen	Abcesses
1	Kidney and fat	Abcesses
34	Livers	Abcesses
1	Head	Abcesses
1	Thin skirt	Abcesses
1	Part liver	Abcesses
149	Livers	Distomatosis
63	Part livers	Distomatosis
4	Pairs of lungs	Distomatosis
1	Liver	Distomatosis and Abscesses
5	Livers	Cirrhosis
1	Part liver	Cirrhosis
1	Forequarter	Bruising
1	Buttock	Bruising
1	Rump	Bruising
3	Pairs of lungs	Pneumonia
1	Pair of lungs	Bronchitis
1	Clod and shin	Bruising and haemorrhage
2	Pairs of lungs	Cysts
1	Set of intestines	Enteritis
1	Set of intestines	Johnes' Disease
3	Pairs of lungs	Pleurisy
1	Kidney	Hydronephrosis
1	Pair of lungs	Melanosis
1	Part liver	Parasitic condition
1	Part hindquarter	Calcification after injury
1	Pair of lungs	Contaminated with pus

CATTLE (*Continued*).

1	Rump and thick flank	Bone taint
4	Portions of forequarter	Bone taint
1	Topside and silverside	Bone taint
2	Hindquarters	Bone taint
2	Livers	Angiomatosis
1	Rump	Calcification
1	Head	Decomposition
1	Portion of hindquarter	Decomposition
3	Heads, lungs, heart and forequarters	Decomposition
7	Sweetbreads	Decomposition

COWS.

1	Carcase and offal	Septic Metritis
1	Carcase and offal	Johnes' Disease
4	Sets of intestines	Johnes' Disease
1	Mesentery	Johnes' Disease
1	Part liver	Johnes' Disease
3	Livers	Abscesses
3	Pairs of lungs	Abscesses
1	Liver and diaphragm	Abscesses
1	Head and tongue	Actinomycosis
1	Liver	Fatty infiltration
1	Mesentery and intestines	Enteritis
1	Liver	Angiomatosis and Distomatosis
39	Livers	Distomatosis
12	Part livers	Distomatosis
1	Set of intestines and stomach	Distomatosis
1	Liver	Cirrhosis
1	Heart and diaphragm	Traumatic Pericarditis
9	Livers	Angiomatosis
1	Heart	Pericarditis
1	Pair of lungs	Pleurisy
1	Stomach and spleen	Peritonitis
1	Spleen and diaphragm	Peritonitis

CALVES.

60	Stomachs	Decomposition
7	Stomachs	Putrefaction
1	Liver	Abscess
1	Carcase and offal	Oedema

SHEEP.

2	Carcases and offals	Multiple cysts with emaciation
1	Carcase and offal	Peritonitis and Septicaemia
2	Carcases and offals	Animals died in transit
16	Livers	Cysts
1	Hock	Septic arthritis
182	Livers	Distomatosis
4	Sets of intestines	Decomposition
1	Liver	Decomposition
1	Pair of forequarters	Abscesses
2	Pairs of lungs	Abscesses
1	Spleen	Abscesses
3	Livers	Abscesses
1	Short forequarter	Abscesses
1	Forequarter and lungs	Abscesses

SHEEP (*Continued*).

33	Livers	Parasitic condition
2	Pairs of lungs	Strongylus Rufescens
1	Pair of lungs	Verminous Pneumonia

PIGS.

2	Carcases and offals	Peritonitis and Oedema
3	Carcases and offals	Erysipelas
1	Carcase and offal	Pyaemia and Emaciation
1	Carcase and offal	Pleurisy and Peritonitis
1	Carcase and offal	Enteritis and Oedema
1	Carcase and offal	Oedema
1	Carcase and offal }	Abscesses
1	Liver }	
16	Pairs of lungs	Pneumonia
4	Sets of kidneys	Hydronephrosis
1	Pair of lungs and heart	Pneumonia and Pericarditis
3	Sets of kidneys	Nephritis
2	Livers	Milk spots
3	Legs }	Bruising
1	Shoulder }	
1	Heart, lungs and liver	Pericarditis, Pneumonia and Inflammation
1	Set of kidneys and fat	Nephritis and Oedema
1	Set of intestines	Peritonitis
12	Livers	Cirrhosis
2	Mesenteries	Putrefaction
1	Pair of lungs and loin	Bruising
2	Livers	Necrosis
1	Head	Bruising and haemorrhage
6	Livers	Distomatosis
1	Leg	Broken
1	Heart	Erysipelas
3	Hearts	Verucose endocarditis
25	Mesenteries }	Decomposition
18	Mesenteric fats }	
1	Pair of feet	Septic condition
1	Pair of lungs	Pleurisy
3	Hearts	Pericarditis
1	Heart	Myocarditis

Foodstuffs Voluntarily Surrendered.

234	tins Fruit	Blown and/or Decomposed
54	tins Milk	Ditto
25	tins Vegetables	Ditto
64	tins Meat	Ditto
31	tins Fish	Ditto
7	tins Soup	Ditto
2	tins Jam	Ditto
2	tins Mincemeat	Ditto
2	tins Marmalade	Ditto
4	jars Pickles	Ditto

Foodstuffs Voluntarily Surrendered (*Continued*).

1	jar Horse-radish sauce	Blown and/or Decomposed
25	doz. Chilled eggs	Ditto
89½	lbs. Sausages	Ditto
9	lbs. Prawns	Ditto
2½	st. Cod fillets	Ditto
3¼	lbs. Bacon	Ditto
11	lbs. Ham	Ditto
13	lbs. Meat pies	Ditto
13	lbs. Cheese	Stale and Mouldy
10	doz. pkts. Cheese	Mould growth
8½	lbs. Cheese	Tainted
1	side Bacon	Decomposition
1	sack Bananas	Over-ripe
2	Chocolate rolls	Mouldy

DESTRUCTION OF RATS AND MICE

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The following are particulars of the inspections made and work carried out by the Rodent Operators :—

	Rats.	*Mice.*
No. of complaints received	128	37
No. of premises infested	112	35
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiries	122	20
No. of premises disinfested :		
(*a*) Dwelling houses and schools	173	47
(*b*) Council Properties, viz ; Sewage Disposal Works and Refuse Tips	12	1
(*c*) Business premises (other than food premises)	16	5
(*d*) Food premises	6	4
(*e*) Agricultural premises	7	1
Total number of visits	2,656	

Financial Arrangements.

The consolidated grant of 50 per cent. of approved net expenditure incurred in the maintenance of rodent control has been continued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Commercial and industrial premises, with the exception of those occupied by the Council, do not qualify for grant aid and have been charged with the actual cost of labour and materials used.

In the case of private dwelling-houses, a part cost charge, based on the number of poison points laid, has been made.

Sewers.

Testbaiting of the various sewerage systems in the district was carried out during April and May, and all the systems were found to be clear of rats. The Ministry has requested that the sewers be testbaited again in 1955.

Refuse Tips and Sewage Works.

Inspections are made at regular intervals of the Council's premises and it was found necessary to carry out treatments at two refuse tips and eight sewage works.

ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS

The work of eradicating insect pests was carried out during the year by the Rodent Operators under the supervision of the District Sanitary Inspectors.

Details of the work are as follows :—

FLEAS.

No. of premises disinfested	12
No. of visits	31

BUGS.

No. of premises disinfested	3
No. of visits	9

BEETLES.

No. of premises disinfested	5
No. of visits	18

BEES AND WASPS.

No. of premises disinfested	7
No. of visits	15

RED SPIDERS.

No. of premises disinfested	1
No. of visits	2

FLIES.

No. of premises disinfested	1
No. of visits	2

HOUSING.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

1.	(*a*) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	466
	(*b*) Total number of inspections made for the purpose	1,844
2.	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded	1
3.	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	23
4.	Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	180

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	156

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

1. Proceedings under Sections, 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

   (*a*) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ... Nil

   (*b*) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :—

   (i) By owners ... ... Nil

   (ii) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ... Nil

2. Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—

   (*a*) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 22

   (*b*) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :—

   (i) By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1953) 15

   (ii) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ... Nil

3. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

   (*a*) Number of Dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 3

   (*b*) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... Nil

   (*c*) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 7

   (*d*) Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Notice of Time and Place—Section 11. 3

   (*e*) Number of dwelling houses for which undertakings, under Section 11, were given by owners 22

Rural Housing Survey.

During the year renovations were carried out to dwelling houses which necessitated twenty-eight alterations to the categories in which the dwellings were placed when the housing survey was made in 1948. These are shown below :—

PARISH OF BUXTED.

2 Category 3a houses converted into one dwelling now Category 2.
1 Category 3a house now Category 1.
2 Category 3a houses now Category 2.

PARISH OF DANEHILL.

1 Category 5b house now Category 2.
1 Category 3a house now Category 1.

PARISH OF FLETCHING.

2 Category 5a houses demolished.
2 Category 3a (4) houses now Category 1.

PARISH OF FOREST ROW.

1 Category 5b house demolished.

PARISH OF FRAMFIELD.

1 Category 3b house now Category 2.
2 Category 3a (4) houses now Category 2.

PARISH OF HADLOW DOWN.

1 Category 5b house now Category 2.

PARISH OF HARTFIELD.

1 Category 5b house now Category 3a (4).

PARISH OF MARESFIELD.

1 Category 5b house now Category 2.
1 Category 3b house demolished.
1 Category 3b house now Category 1.

PARISH OF ROTHERFIELD.

1 Category 3a house now Category 2.

PARISH OF WADHURST.

4 Category 5b houses demolished.
2 Category 3b houses converted into one dwelling, now Category 2.

PARISH OF WITHYHAM.

1 Category 3b house now Category 2.

The table of categories shown in my 1952 annual report has been amended accordingly and the revised figures are as follows :—

CATEGORY 1.

Satisfactory in all respects	1,127

CATEGORY 2.

Minor defects	3,492

CATEGORY 3.

Requiring repair, structural alterations or improvements :—

(*a*)	Suitable for action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	3,189
(*b*)	Suitable for action under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, but structurally capable of being reconditioned	539

CATEGORY 4.

Agricultural Cottages structurally capable of being reconditioned (included in Category 3) :—

(*a*)	Suitable for action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936	457
(*b*)	Suitable for action under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, but structurally capable of being reconditioned	122

CATEGORY 5.

Unfit for human habitation and suitable for early demolition :—

(*a*)	Agricultural Cottages	20
(*b*)	Other dwellings	83

Repairs and Improvements.

The works of repair and improvement enumerated below were completed during the year :—

INTERNAL.

Dampness in floors remedied	20
Dampness in walls remedied	27
Floors relaid or repaired	32
Walls repaired or cleansed	93
Ceilings repaired or cleansed	46
Lighting improved	12
Ventilation improved	12
Windows repaired or renewed	20
Doors repaired or renewed	13
Other woodwork repaired or renewed	15
Fireplaces and flues repaired	16
Cooking stoves repaired	4
Cooking stoves provided	5
Food stores repaired or provided	7
Washing coppers repaired or provided	1
Staircases repaired	4
Sinks provided or renewed	26
Sink wastes trapped or provided	13
Ceiling heights increased	4

EXTERNAL.

Walls repaired	8
Roofs repaired	21
Chimney stacks repaired	6
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	9
Paving provided or repaired	3
Dustbins provided or renewed	2

DRAINAGE.

New systems provided	29
Systems repaired or improved	39
Systems cleansed	13
Sewer connections	2
W.C.'s provided	36
W.C.'s repaired, cleansed or ventilated	23
W.C.'s flushing apparatus provided or repaired	32
P.M.'s converted to W.C.'s	1
E.C.'s converted to W.C.'s	6
Main water supply provided	54
Wells repaired	1
Baths provided	5
Hot water systems provided	10
New wash basins installed	5
Improved sanitary accommodation to hop-pickers' lodgings	2

Housing.

(*a*) Number of new dwellings completed in the Council's housing programme :

One hundred and two houses, fifty-two flats and fourteen bungalows were completed, details of which are as follows :—

Parish.	*Type.*	*No. of Units.*	*Total*
CROWBOROUGH	A	3	
	C	8	
	D	3	
	E	4	
	M	2	
	N	3	
	Flats	12	
			35
FOREST ROW	Flats	8	
			8
FRANT	C	2	
	E	2	
	G	2	
	M	1	
	N	1	
			8
ISFIELD.	Flats	4	
			4
MAYFIELD	C	5	
	D	2	
	M	1	
	N	1	
	Flats	4	
			13
MARESFIELD	C	5	
	E	2	
	Flats	4	
			11
ROTHERFIELD	C	2	
	D	2	
	Flats	4	
			8
UCKFIELD	A	5	
	C	19	
	D	11	
	E	2	
	M	1	
	N	1	
	T	2	
	Bungalows	14	
			55
WADHURST	A	2	
	C	2	
	D	2	
	Flats	8	
			14
WITHYHAM	E	2	
	Flats	8	
			10
HADLOW DOWN	A	2	
			2
		TOTAL =	168

(*b*) Private Enterprise.

Ninety-eight houses were completed by private enterprise.

(*c*) Conversions.

Nineteen properties were converted to form twenty-one family units.

(*d*) Requisitioned Properties.

Forty-six houses, housing eighty-seven families. No houses were requisitioned during 1953.

Eight houses were derequisitioned.

Total number of families rehoused in requisitioned properties in vacancies during the year 13

(*e*) Council Houses.

Total number of families rehoused in vacancies in Council houses during the year 97

Waiting List.

Number of applicants on the Council's waiting list for housing accommodation at the 31st March, 1953 845

Number of applicants on the Council's waiting list for housing accommodation at the 31st March, 1954 794

The Housing Manager has written the following comment on the state of the waiting list :—

" The above figures show a slight decrease but the waiting list for Council Houses is still rather a long one and additional applications are still being received.

"A small proportion of applicants were able to find their own accommodation privately during the year, whereas in previous years very few had been able to do so. In addition, a number of tenants have left Council Houses and found their own accommodation, usually in other districts or in the Dominions. Three have built their own houses and moved out of Council Houses.

" The number of new houses available for letting to applicants on the waiting list has been reduced as a number have had to be reserved for rehousing occupants of requisitioned property which has been returned to the owners. In addition, a small number of houses have been allocated to families in houses condemned as unfit for occupation.

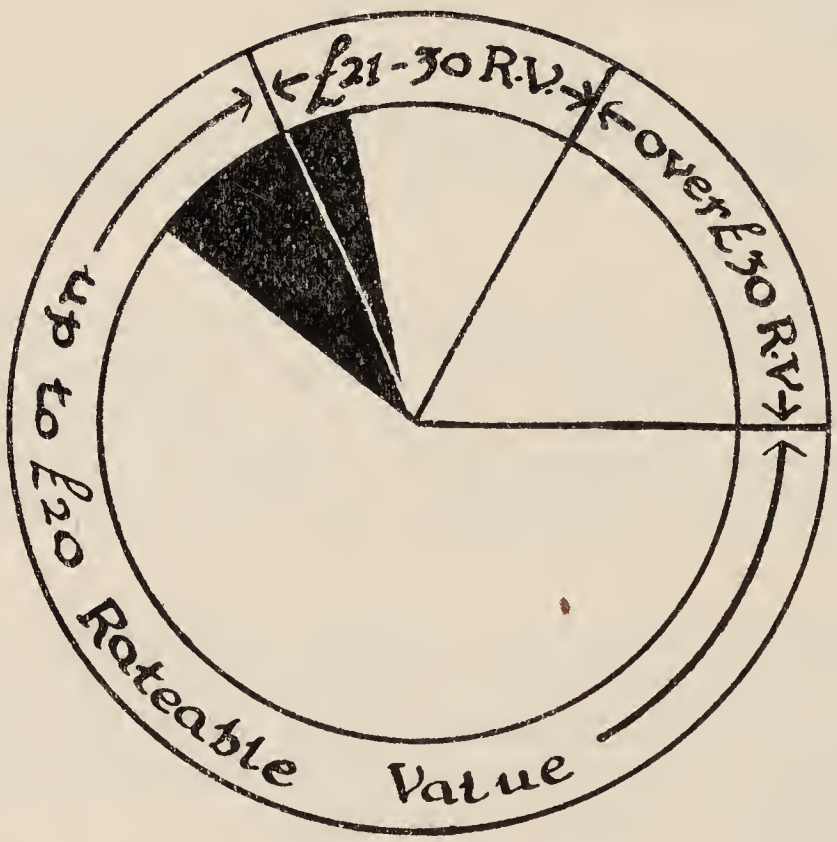
" While the cost of building or purchasing private property remains high, it is doubtful whether the large majority of applicants of the lower income group will be able to help themselves, and they must of necessity rely on the Council for housing accommodation to rent."

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES IN THE DISTRICT AT MARCH 31st, 1954

(These statistics are compiled from information supplied by the Treasurer's Department)

Rateable Value	*Type of Property*	*Number of Properties*
Up to £20	Privately owned Owned by the Council Requisitioned Property	7,929 1,020 42
£21-£30	Privately owned Owned by the Council. Requisitioned Property	1,489 359 31
Over £30	Privately owned Owned by the Council Requisitioned Property	2,150 None 7
	TOTAL	... 13,027

THE DISTRIBUTION OF DWELLING HOUSES IN THE DISTRICT ACCORDING TO RATEABLE VALUE AND THE PROPORTION OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL.



proportion controlled by the Council.

Total houses :—13,027.

Water Supplies.

(*a*) The following works of water supply have been carried out during the year under review :—

Parish.	*Details.*	*Yds. Lin.*	*Total Yds. Lin.*
DANEHILL ...	Extension of main in Freshfield Lane	577	
			577
FLETCHING ...	Laying of main in village	875	
	Extension of main to Brewers Row Cottages	280	
	Extension of main to new housing site	98	
			1,253
FRAMFIELD ...	Completion of scheme to serve Southern portion of Framfield parish	10,282	
	New main from Hilbre Mount Reservoir to Framele Mount ...	305	
	Pumping main from Hempstead Pumping Station to Hilbre Mount Reservoir	1,900	
			12,487
MARESFIELD ...	Main to serve War Dept. housing estate, Batts Bridge Road ...	398	
			398
LITTLE HORSTED ...	Extension of main from Horsted Pond to Owlsbury	1,381	
			1,381
UCKFIELD ...	Extension, Hooke Hall Estate ... Extension, Bell Lane.	31	
	Pumping main from Hempstead Pumping Station to Hilbre Mount Reservoir	195	
			296
		Total ...	16,392

Acting on the advice of the Council's consulting engineers, new pumping machinery and treatment plant has been installed at Hempstead Pumping Station, Uckfield.

The work includes the pumping of water to Framfield for general distribution throughout the Parish and has entailed the construction of a 150,000 gallon reservoir at Hilbre Mount, Framfield, and a Booster Station at Pound Hill, on land purchased for the purpose.

(*b*) Number of properties that have been connected to water mains during the year :—

COUNCIL WATER MAINS.

Parish.	*No. of Properties.*
Danehill	25
Fletching	35
Framfield	76
Hartfield	25
Isfield	4
Maresfield	27
Uckfield	56
Total	248

CROWBOROUGH DISTRICT WATER COMPANY.

Parish.	*No. of Properties.*
Buxted	25
Crowborough	85
Frant	1
Hadlow Down	4
Mayfield	27
Rotherfield	7
Wadhurst	14
Withyham	15
	178

EAST GRINSTEAD GAS AND WATER COMPANY.

Forest Row	15

BOROUGH OF ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Frant	14

Monthly samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination from the main supplies of all water undertakers in the district, viz :—

The Crowborough District Water Company.
Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.
The East Grinstead Gas and Water Company.
The East Surrey Water Company.
The Uckfield Rural District Council.

The following tables give details of water samples taken for analysis from wells and springs supplying private dwelling houses.

Number of samples taken for bacteriological analysis	25
Number of samples reported to be satisfactory	12
Number of samples reported to be unsatisfactory	13
Number of houses connected to the water main following formal action taken by the Council	3
Number of houses connected to the water main following informal action taken by the Council	23

Position Relating to Piped Water Supply.

Parish.	*No. of separate dwellings having main water supply.*	*Estimated number of inhabitants.*
BUXTED	599	1,977
CROWBOROUGH	2,246	7,412
DANEHILL	279	921
FLETCHING	59	195
FOREST ROW	801	2,643
FRAMFIELD	377	1,244
FRANT	286	944
HADLOW DOWN	220	726
HARTFIELD	499	1,647
ISFIELD	139	459
LITTLE HORSTED	13	43
MARESFIELD	690	2,277
MAYFIELD	924	3,049
ROTHERFIELD	803	2,650
UCKFIELD	1,176	3,881
WADHURST	1,109	3,660
WITHYHAM	824	2,719
	11,044	36,447

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The following works have been carried out during the period under review :—

(1) BUXTED (Tanyard).

An extension of the foul sewer consisting of the laying of 400 yards of 6-in. glazed pipes to serve properties in the Tanyard area.

The sewage is lifted to the existing system of sewers in the village, a pump house and 630 yards of 4-in. cast iron pipes having been provided for this purpose.

(2) MAYFIELD.

The provision of a storm water relief at Wellbrook.

SALVAGE

The scheme for the collection of salvage in the district has been carried on successfully during the year, and the Surveyor to the Council has supplied the following record of the materials collected and sold.

SALVAGE.—Sale of materials for the year ending 31st December, 1953.

	Tons	*Cwts.*	*Lbs.*	£	s.	d.
Aluminium	1	7	100	103	4	11
Bones		6	78	1	18	3
Brass		7	98	34	15	3
Copper		1	80	11	3	5
Cullett	108	17	28	163	5	11
Light iron	9	7	56	25	15	7
Cast iron	15	9	84	69	13	11
Steel scrap	5	19	56	31	7	6
Rags	13	18	66	451	12	3
Wastepaper	300	5	84	1,348	19	1
Carpet	1	9	102	7	8	6
Felt		4	58	1	2	6
Sacking	1	5	88	12	17	9
Feathers			40		16	8
Rubber		2	92		7	0
String		5	42	3	15	3
Tins	55	4	28	165	12	9
Lead			76	2	17	0
Zinc			70	1	2	7
	514	16	94	£2,437	16	1